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Poisonous spiders invade rooms in Gallagher Hall

One student hospitalized

by Ashley Pierce

A brown recluse spider led to the hospitalization of a Gallagher resident a few weeks ago. Sophomore Sheamus Fergus was bitten by one of these poisonous creatures and hospitalized for three days.

Fergus returned to Saint Joseph's early to practice for football, and during those few weeks before school began he was bitten by a brown recluse spider. "I was in the hospital for three days because of it," he commented.

Junior Jeremy White also found a brown recluse crawling in his room. "I had a spider on my wall, I told my RA about it and he called the plant. They said they would spray the dorm to get rid of the spiders, but they haven't yet," he stated.

Most spiders are not harmful to humans; however in the United States there are two

types of spiders to watch out for- the black widow and the brown recluse. These spiders are poisonous and their bites can be very harmful. The problem with spider bites is that after the initial pain of the bite, there is no immediate change in the skin to indicate that you have been bitten. A small red mark may appear in some conditions.

With serious bites symptoms can be severe, such as chills, headaches, muscle cramps or confusion. These symptoms can occur within 30 minutes of the bite. After being bitten by a brown recluse, you should seek medical care.

The brown recluse is common in the Midwest, and likes to live in attics and basements. Brown recluse spiders frequently nest in stored clothing and are attracted to crumbs.



photo by Marty Costello

Brown recluse spiders have been spotted in Gallagher.

by Julia Garcia

Earlier in the semester, the Food Service Committee, composed of students and faculty, recommended to William Maniscalco, Vice-President of Student Affairs, that the cafeteria be converted to a non-smoking cafeteria. There were also recommendations that Halleck Center should become a no-smoking facility. Residence hall lounges and hallways have already become no-smoking areas, and floors such as Justin first east and Noll first have completely prohibited smoking even in residence hall rooms. Although Maniscalco has not yet decided whether or not to implement a no smoking policy in the cafeteria or in the entire building, the issue of smoking has become the topic of debate around campus.

According to Chris Zanowski, Director of Student Life, the smoking policies in residence halls were changed because of the complaints of non-smoker students and the concern voiced from parents. "I am concerned about student's health," added Zanowski. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has classified secondhand smoke as a known cause of lung cancer, and it is the cause of approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths in non-smokers each year.

However, there are some students that feel that the situ-



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Students may soon be forced to smoke outside of Halleck Center and other campus buildings.

ation was handled unjustly. "It's not fair to change the policies in lounges without consulting students first," stated Jeff Proctor, senior, a vocal proponent of smoker's rights.

Eric Nisbeth, Bennett Hall Governor, submitted a proposal to Zanowski that voiced his concern and offered an alternative to the current no-smoking policy in the lounges that appealed to his residents. Nisbeth's proposal states, "Persons who wish to indulge themselves in the activity of smoking within the confines of the lounge may do so only if they reach a unanimous verbal agreement with the other patrons presently in the lounge. If for any reason there is a person or persons in disagreement with the proposed act of smoking within the lounge, the smoker must yield to the non-smoker's needs."

The no-smoking recommendation in the cafeteria has also sparked discussion among students. Proctor urges individuals who are bothered by smoke in the cafeteria to not sit in the smoking section. "I've sat in both areas, and I have never smelled smoke in the non-smoking areas," added Proctor. "I think that as long as they (smokers) stay on that one side (of the cafeteria), there is no problem," stated Angie Davidson, junior.

"I think that in the cafeteria smoking should be prohibited because it's a place where food is being served, but I feel that people should have the right to smoke somewhere on campus, if they choose to," stated Susan Ownby, junior. "I respect the

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Is SJC getting a facelift, or is it just scratching itself to death?

If you have been alive and able to hear during this semester at Saint Joe, then you know things are changing. They are "locking down" the dorms during the day, trying to get rid of smoking in Halleck Center and dorm lounges, and as rumor has it, much more.

Saint Joseph's College is a unique, or (for better words,) rare establishment. It is a small college in rural Indiana, and as members of the administration and security like to point out, it is near an interstate. You may list any of its characteristics as good or bad according to your tastes. As for me, I like to consider all these things as positive aspects of the College, possibly except the rural part.

I think a small college atmosphere provides a "nurturing," supportive academic environment. You don't feel like a little consumer labeled with a number in class. You are, at least provided with the opportunity to become, an important part of your class. You are also provided with the opportunity to get help from your professor, or any professor for that matter, if you so desire. Academically, I believe, Core is also a big bonus, but I won't get into that.

I think being located in rural Indiana has an advantage also, SAFETY. Nothing more needed here, we all know there is not much danger in living here.

We are, however, next to an

interstate. This has its good and bad parts. Good first: Easily accessible. Ok, now the bad: some lunatic or angry driver may barrel in off the interstate and harm us. This is a real danger, but the chance of this happening is very slim.

In my opinion, we take chances every day that are just as risky and life threatening as this. For instance, every day people get in their cars and drive to campus: Is there a chance that they may not make it here one day? Yes, and they continue to take that risk every day. Why? They take that risk every day because the benefit of driving their car is greater than the risk of getting killed. Is the benefit of increased security going to be greater than the cost, in terms of the happiness and the social life of the students?

Where is this balance between campus security and freedom? Shouldn't the students, as adults and holders of the freedom in question, have an important voice concerning this?

So, why the "lockdown", or the "Safety Down" as they're calling it? Security keeps reminding us all that we need to catch up to other schools, while the administration tells us we need to keep our students safe.

If the reason is that we need to catch up to other schools, then why, and who are we catching up to? Is it Purdue, I.U., Ball State, and other big schools? Or, is it other small, (approximately

1,000 students), colleges in rural Indiana located at least an hour away from any large city or population? I would just like to repeat here that Saint Joseph's College is not like other colleges, and I don't think we've got anyone to "catch up to."

However, if the real reason is that Saint Joseph's College would like to protect its Pumas from harm, I believe they've done a sufficient job with the new "Safety Down" system. The new talk is that we are moving toward 24 HOUR "LOCKDOWN." That's exactly what it would be too, lockdown. There was an identified need for security, that security was provided, let's leave it at that before the social life of this college dies of strangulation.

There is also rumor that the College is moving toward no smoking at all on campus property. Wow! That is a bold move that is going to make a lot of people very, very angry. True, much of the nation hates smoking and the evil individuals who feed money into the tobacco industry's veins. However, banning smoking from personal dorm rooms, where both members either smoke or don't care if they breathe second hand smoke, and the outdoor campus property is ridiculous. Let's stick with stopping it in public places.

I would also like to say here that I think that it is commendable of the college to provide residents with smoke free floors.

However, (what a cynic, huh?) I think the school should start off with one floor from a male dorm and one from a female dorm. Then if the demand requires, progress from there.

Yet one more rumor lingers in our midst...Merlini Hall's alleged changeover to the new Admissions building. I just want to ask a few questions, then I'll give you the answer. Which male dorm has a recent history of consistently having the highest GPA? (4/6 semesters) Which dorm produces droves of SA presidents and accompanying officers? Which dorm has a very spirited history of tradition that it still holds onto today?

Well, there may be more than one answer to ONE of these questions, but if you haven't guessed due to the strategic placement of these questions into the Merlini Hall paragraph, the answer is Merlini Hall. Enough said.

So, is the College scratching itself to death, or what. I don't really know, but all evidence points to a facelift, or a serious lack of interest in student opinion. If the College knows it is making its students angry and continues to make its students angry, what are they telling us? Are they trying to change the college to attract a different type of student because they are unhappy with the student body now? Or, do they just not get the picture?

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Since when did having fun turn into hazing?

An exciting activity at the beginning of each school year has to do with initiating freshman. Although this is handled for the most part by upperclassmen athletes and limited to the freshman in their sport, it can apply to other students too. This year, however, the Campus Life and Security offices of Saint Joseph's College have decided to enforce (with a vengeance) the rules

against hazing. In the beginning, I thought this was no big deal. After all, students do not come to college to be put down and made to feel ridiculous. Then my soccer teammates and I did our "Freshman Auction" as we do every year, and were told it was not allowed because it was hazing.

I will come back to exactly what happened, but, accord-

ing to the dictionary, hazing is when someone is "forced to do something humiliating or ridiculous" by others. AS usual, though, the Saint Joseph's higher ups decided that definition did not suit their purposes, so they conveniently eliminated the word "forced" from the definition. So, according to the Saint Joseph's Security office, even if one student begs an-

other to have him do something stupid, the student asked could be charged with hazing, right? Granted, that is very far-fetched and quite frankly ridiculous, so look at it this way: by law in America, it is impossible to rob someone of something they give to you. By the same token then, how is it considered hazing if someone agrees (cont. on page 4)

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WPUM gets new location, improved equipment

by Roger Burns

Most of you who are upperclassmen have probably either noticed that 90.5 WPUM Puma Rock is no longer located in the chapel basement, or have noticed that the SLUPO computer lab is gone.

The road that led to this change started last fall when Pete Haring joined the Communication department's staff. According to WPUM assistant manager Dave Dixon, Haring was dissatisfied with the 20 to 30-year-old equipment in the old radio station. In an effort to rectify the situation Pete wrote to Skip Shannon to see if anything could be done to update the station's facilities. Shannon replied by telling Haring about a grant that was available from the Frank Lewis foundation.

Haring applied for the grant in the fall of 1995 and received the grant in January of 1996. The total grant received was \$20,000, \$14,000 of which was for the radio station and \$6,000 of which was for the campus television station.

"Everything is 100% better," stated WPUM Assistant Manager Brad Gellert when asked what he thought of the equipment purchased for the station. According to Gellert, the new station provides more room, better lighting, and allows programs to run more smoothly.

Haring stated that the new radio station is now an "up-

dated, state of the art" campus radio station and is the equivalent of most commercial radio stations. Haring also stated that one of the benefits of the new station is that "students will be prepared to work in a commercial radio environment."

However, more has changed at WPUM than just the location and the equipment. "The station has more school spirit," stated Dave Dixon. For instance, the station is located in the middle of the campus and has windows that draw more attention to the station.

This year the station's format is mostly rock oriented. "The music mainly ranges from hard rock to death metal with some alternative," said Gellert.

From Monday through Friday the format is rock-oriented. Saturdays and Sundays are "Culture Shock Weekends" that include rap, jazz, 80's and classical programs.

Mondays feature "The Top 30" at 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays are "Twisted Tuesdays", Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. highlight cutting-edge new bands, and Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. is the "Faculty Fine Arts Show" which features classical, jazz and big band selections.

According to Pete Haring, this year also has a new "Bob & Tom" type morning guy (6-9 a.m.), freshman Tim Wozny.

Admissions Office develops strategies to increase enrollment for 1997-98

by Natalie Berenda

Although student enrollment has met a bit of a decline this semester, future enrollment looks positive. With the arrival of the new Director of Admissions, Frank Bevac, there are many different ideas being generated in the admissions area. The purpose of these ideas is to attract more students to Saint Joseph's College.

Statistics show that colleges all over the state of Indiana have had a decrease in freshman enrollment this year. The exceptions to these statistics include Purdue University and Indiana's vocational schools.

Dean of Enrollment Management David Hoover explained that Saint Joseph's began last year with 224 freshmen and began this year with 210. Like other private schools, Saint Joseph's College is a tuition-driven institution; even though the decrease may seem, slight there are some concerns with budgeting.

Costs may have to be cut slightly. "The institution as a whole is going to have to be more responsive at this point to budget pressures and concerns," Hoover stated.

Admissions department feels that in order to get en-

rollment back up to where it should be, some changes are in order. They believe students must be aware of the value of the education that they will receive from Saint Joseph's College; they must know the value of what they are paying for.

Tour policy and procedures are among some of these changes. "We are going to try to get small groups of students to come look at the college together rather than just one student at a time. This way, we hope they will start to talk about their interests and the dynamics of being here together," Bevac explained. Bevac hopes this type of visit may bring five new students to the college as opposed to just one.

Students considering our college will also receive a presentation from the library, Student Life, Career Planning and Placement, Campus Ministry, Student Counseling Services, and Financial Aid offices. "We feel that by the students meeting more of the people they are actually going to be involved with once they get to Saint Joseph's College, they will hopefully become even more interested in the school," Bevac said.

Admissions will also be

promoting success stories of alumni. Alumni will be invited to admission receptions to testify to the quality of education students will receive from the school and the quality of the professors. Alumni will promote campus life as well.

Saint Joseph's College is currently being considered for a grant offered by the Eli Lilly Cooperation. Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. David Chattin, explained that the purpose of this grant is to increase the number of Indiana students attending Indiana colleges and later seeking jobs in Indiana. "If we receive this grant we will have the money to kick in some extra programs that we hope will be attractive to students. We are looking at developing some different majors and maybe strengthening some that we already have. We will be showing students what kind of jobs they can get after attending Saint Joseph's College," Chattin stated.

Volunteer trip to Tanzania planned

This summer, Saint Joseph's students will have the opportunity to travel to Tanzania to volunteer their time in several CPPS missions. Students who take the trip will stay at a CPPS seminary in the town of Morogoro.

Volunteer opportunities will be available at local schools, orphanages, and hospitals. Professor Susan Chattin said that another goal of the trip would be to "learn first hand about the culture and social conditions of Tanzania."

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right of other people to smoke even though I don't," stated Jennifer Emeritz, senior.

In September, Zanowski gathered information about the smoking policies of the colleges and universities in Indiana in order to help SJC analyze its own policies. "In

most cases, the policies were in favor of the non-smoker," stated Zanowski. Ancillia College, Goshen College, and Notre Dame were just a few of the colleges that have smoke-free campuses.

On October 2, a forum was held in Halleck to allow students to discuss their opinions about the smoking policies in the dorms and in Halleck.

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In Search of Dreamland

by Heidi Jugovic

As I sit over a cup of coffee, my eyes bleary, my mind wandering, I consider that I may have finally lost all contact with reality. I dismiss the thought and focus on controlling my caffeine shakes instead.

This isn't the first time I found myself wondering if I'd be able to wake up for my 8 o'clock class. It's been a pattern with me: papers completed between midnight and 7am...long chats that began at 2am...parties...movie nights...and the trip to Grandma's at some ungodly hour.

It's perhaps ironic that at a time in my life where my energy is supposed to be devoted to studying the How's, Why's and What's of the universe, my biggest concern seems to be getting enough sleep. Sleep quickly becomes the mecca of my daily existence once I start racking up missing sack time.

Sleep deprivation is probably the most common affliction of most college students (hangovers being

a close second). It happens to the best of us, no matter how responsible we resolve to be. I didn't fall asleep with the lights off for an entire year thanks to a roommate who liked to begin her homework after the sun went down, and every Puma quickly learns joys of being awakened at 3am by a ruckus designed by the devil himself. Sometimes the pressures of college life force a student to sacrifice sack time to study time. And 2am is about the only time the laundry machines are actually available.

Of course, there is that peculiar breed of students who seems to flourish on a lack of sleep. They really wake up for the first time around 11pm. They'll keep you up for hours discussing just about anything since they "just can't get to sleep." Then they'll be downright perky the next day on two hours of sleep. For them, sleep is wasted time that could be spent having glorious adventures in the waking world.

I, however, am not one of those strange people. If I get less than my minimum 7

hours a night, I turn into a psychotic, incomprehensible maniac who will not be appeased by anything less than a midday nap.

Despite my knowledge of how much sleep I need, despite countless classes spent in that peculiar agony where one's entire being is focused on keeping one's eyelids open, and despite comments from my friends on what a beast I become when I don't get my Z's, I'll do it again. I'll make that roadtrip to the truck stop on a Wednesday night just for the heck of it. I'll put off that paper. I'll stay up watching late-night television for no particular reason.

So maybe I have lost it. Maybe this weird behavior is a sign that I have cracked under the pressures of college life. Or maybe I'm just accepting those pressures and the costs of those late-night conversations as part of the wild, crazy, wonderful college life I have the privilege to be embracing.

Musical adventure for student

by Peggy McLeish

Saint Joseph's student James Sedam is planning an adventure set to begin after he graduates in January of 1998 with a group called Up With People. The non-profit group was begun in 1965 to promote international peace, education, and cultural understanding. Up With People selects seven hundred young people between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five from around the globe to travel for one year.

The selection process begins with over eight thousand applicants. Seven hundred students are chosen by way of interviews and auditions. Students are divided into five casts that will travel and perform together for the year. His group will leave in January of 1998 for a five week training period in Denver, Colorado. Then the group of one hundred and twenty-five international young people will spend six months visiting communities in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. After touring this continent, the group will travel overseas for five months, visiting a total of twenty countries, and over ninety different communities worldwide.

While in a community, stu-

dents are busy with community services as well as musical performances. They perform one musical show in every community. These shows are student run, produced, and directed. While the theme of the show changes with each group, each is based on the message of cultural awareness and understanding. While in North America, the shows will be done in English. In other countries, they will be done in French, Spanish, or German. The students can do an internship during the year in areas such as theatrical technical work and business as well.

Sedam said that he is "really looking forward to making this trip because I know that I'll be making my contribution to world peace." He has begun to plan for the trip and is especially concerned with the needed funding. The cost for one student is \$17,000 for the year. In order to raise this amount, Sedam is planning on collecting donations and fund raising. If interested in learning more about the program or helping with the planning and fund raising, please contact Sedam at extension 5430.

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By the same token then, how is it considered hazing if someone agrees to undergo what others consider to be embarrassing circumstances? The fact of the matter is, it is not. Except, of course, at Saint Joseph's where it is apparent even the criminal codes are revised to fit certain agendas.

If my fellow students have not been able to tell by now, I am angry about this situation. And I guess I am more angry about the school taking yet another thing away from the students that gives us a laugh and binds us together than I am about anything else. I think back to my freshman year when they shaved the soccer players' heads as part of initiation. We had a choice of nothing, a Mohawk, half and half, or totally bald. I can honestly say that going around bald

for a few weeks has not left any enduring scars on me. In fact, I enjoyed it. I felt like I was part of the team and belonged to something. No one was hurt, the security office did not say anything, and somehow life went on.

So my question now is, why should it be different this year? The soccer teams did our auction where the freshmen were "sold" to bidding upperclassmen. The bought freshmen then had to do different things for their "owners" for one day. For some freshman this meant dressing up like a woman and wearing a sign proclaiming them to be somebody's "Bitch". For others it meant doing simple things such as cleaning rooms, washing cars, or doing laundry (by the way, I give laundry lessons at 3:00 a.m. every Satur-

day night for those of you who are not old enough to do it yourself). Now, I ask all of my fellow students, was a terrible thing done to these freshmen? I do not think so, but let's hear from them.

"I thought it was all in good fun," said freshman soccer player Rob Burns, who had his head shaved and was sold to an upperclassman. "If it was personal abuse, I mean if they set me on fire, it would be different, but it was no big deal. It was all about being part of the team and having a good time."

Teammate and fellow Freshman Nick Balta Agreed. "It's all in fun, so people should chill out. If I was in trouble I would have let someone know."

Freshman Shannon Anderson felt much the same. "If you make someone do something

they don't want to do, that is wrong, but if they agree then there should be no problem. We all had the choice to do it or not, and we had fun. Nobody forced us to do anything."

And therein lies the issue. I hate to sound like a broken record, but how can there be a crime without a victim? In my opinion, it is nothing more than a power trip on the part of Campus Life and the Security staff. First it was the lockdown and now it is the hazing. What is next? Campus Life hanging out in the hallways after hours or writing people up for using the outside phone if it is too late to visit? It may sound ridiculous, but it is happening.

I do not in any way mean to belittle the serious injuries that can result from some hazing. In fact, I believe cracking down on

students who make others drink, steal from their dormmates, or take pictures of them in the showers is something the school should be applauded for. Those are serious attacks that could result in physical and psychological harm, and there is no place at Saint Joseph's for that. But for what the soccer teams did to their freshmen to be called hazing is outrageous. As I said before, I believe it to be more of a control issue than anything else. Contrary to popular belief, all students, myself included, do not hate the security staff of this college, but enough is enough. As long we conduct ourselves responsibly and do not endanger anyone, we should be allowed to have a little fun now and then.

john osborne

Day Students battle for lounge

by Robert Dusek

What's new on campus for the Saint Joseph's College Day students this year? If you look high and low, far and wide, you would come up empty-handed. However, if you talk to the right people, you may come up with different results.

In 1994 there was a day student lounge, used by many day students on the bottom floor of Halleck. Last year the Day student lounge was gone. The Administration had removed it, replacing it with a new facility for the Puma Band.

Shifting of the Day student lounge location was not a new idea. It had been moved a couple of times in the past. However, this time it was not just moved, it was "removed." The College administrators had decided that the Day students, who make up approximately one third of the population, did not need a lounge, or central place for meeting and communicating. The reasoning behind this decision was a perceived "lack of use," according to Bill Maniscalco, Vice President of Student Affairs.

"The lounge provided a place of rest, a place to study, and a place to sit down and eat a carry-in lunch," stated Becky Johnson.

All the Day student representatives on Senate, as well as several other Day students, were upset by the decision and felt an "urgent need" for a Day student lounge. The "battle for a lounge" began at the beginning of second semester last year.

The process of development started off as discussion with Brian Capouch, then a member of the Faculty Committee of Student Life or SLC, and Student Association President, Chad Pulver. David Chattin, current Vice President of Academic Affairs, was also involved in discussion with Pamela Brown. Brown was encouraged to gather data concerning the issue. While she gathered data, the matter was brought up in a SLC meeting. At the request of the committee, chairperson Gary Potts, a former Day student here at Saint Joe, set up a meeting with the Vice President of Business Affairs, David Sokol.

Brown presented her data to Sokol. Encouraged by Sokol's verbal promise of action, the Day student representatives waited for a response, but they received nothing after two weeks and decided to take other measures to get a lounge.

The Day student representatives formed a statement and took it to the Senate and then again to The Student Life Committee.

Bill Maniscalco met with the representatives several times, discussing alternatives for locations and furnishings for the lounge. The Day student representatives' first choice for location was a room in the Science Building. "The central location and proximity of utilities such as the library and computer lab," according to Brown, were the main reasons for the representatives' choice.

Unfortunately, the College President, Albert Shannon, and former Vice President of Academic Affairs, Bernard Parker identified a greater degree of traffic and use in the building than any of the representatives. "The location was unquestionably out of the question," stated Johnson.

After all the alternatives dis-

cussed with Maniscalco were deemed unfeasible due to either economic reasons or usage/traffic reasons, the representatives asked for the space offered to them on second floor Halleck.

At the end of last year Maniscalco commented that there would be a lounge on first floor Halleck "when the students return in August." On returning though, there was no lounge.

Now plans are in the process and things are looking better for the Day Students. The plans, dependent on Saint Joe's receiving of a grant from the Lilly Endowment, are for the lounge to be placed where Counseling services currently reside. Counseling services will move to second floor of the Halleck Center.

When asked if they were happy with the current status of the Day student lounge, representatives showed mixed feelings. "Yes and No. Yes, I am happy we are getting a lounge; No, I'm not happy that it took so long," stated Brown, wishing it would "happen faster." Black, the only sophomore representing the Day Students, says that she's "not really happy. We are getting some feedback, but people are slow to recognize our needs." Both representatives still stated wishes for a room in the Science Building.

The Day students want a central communicating point and a place on campus they can call home. As time goes by, the representatives are seeking the interests of many faculty and administration. Things are changing and people are realizing that, as Brown says, "Yes we do exist; yes we are part of the community."

Ear Wacks

by Brian Zimmer

When Warner Brothers Entertainment (WEA) stockholder C. Dolores Tucker testified before Congress that acts like Snoop Doggy Dog, Doctor Dre, Nine Inch Nails, and Marilyn Manson were corrupting the moral values of this nation, Senator Bob Dole took notice. What a prime situation to impress the nation; Christian and morally sound Republican Bob Dole taking a stand against morally defunct punks and heathens.

Dole, with the help of C. Dolores Tucker, Charlton Heston, and the PMRC, launched an aimless soundbite campaign against many of the groups (which only helped their popularity) and their labels. The main target was Interscope Records which was a business partner of WEA.

WEA tried to bring Interscope Records under its control, feeling pressure from Dole's crusade and its stockholders. Interscope would not stand down, and as one employee of the company told me, "We let the artists do what they want, they didn't like that". Interscope and its artists were in limbo for months as WEA let the "wayward" company go.

Now that WEA has nothing to do with Interscope we can all sleep easier right? Wrong! In actuality nothing has changed except Bob Dole is on another Crusade. Now with the film industry.

The problems with Dole's hapless campaigns against the entertainment industry are many. First, Dole said in his acceptance speech as (gasp) the Republican Party's Nominee that he would appoint judges and justices that

interpreted the Constitution literally. Literally interpreted however, the 1st Amendment states that the government will not interfere in the area of speech. Secondly, he has no clue what he is talking about. Dole stated in his speech that he felt the films, "Babe," "Independence Day," and "Braveheart," "lifted our nation up." What? Yeah, you're right Bob, seeing Will Smith slay aliens makes me a better citizen! The list goes on, but I'll stop there.

An employee at Interscope raised a good question, "How can you go around condemning music you haven't even heard," and went on to note that "Its so typical of politicians, wasting their time with us [entertainment business]."

Bob Dole would probably condemn the new Archers of Loaf album, saying that it is minus a lot of the angst and raw sound that used to epitomize the group. But the Archers have moved on to new territory (just like Metallica?) and have moved into that territory with a nearly perfect album called "All the Nations Airports." Recorded with a concerted effort for clarity and production the album captures all the amazing intricacies the group brings. Weezer has also released a devilish, morally corrupt album called "Pinkerton." If you thought Weezer would go down in the annals of rock history as a brief flicker, you are wrong....for now!

"Pinkerton" has all of the thick, pop sound that their first album had. What "Pinkerton" provides is some different lyrics which provide a chronicle of life in rock stardom. For example the song "Across the Sea" tells the tale of a Japanese teenager who writes to the band. Among other things, the lyrics note: "God Damn, this business is really lame!" Also check out the songs, "El Scorcho" and "Why Bother."

1996 Women's volleyball:

by Kevin Collins

Once again, it's fall, and that means it's time for volleyball. The Puma volleyball team is currently playing its first season under the tutelage of head coach Kevin Furnish. Furnish was the assistant coach last season and has simply switched roles with coach Linda Deno.

The volleyball program also brought back the junior varsity program again this year, coached by Erin Smith, who played for Saint Joe last year. The ladies have gotten the season off to a bit of a rough start as they have gone 4-7 in their first eleven meets. The adversity faced in playing

tough competition is what is making this team stronger. Coach Furnish had this to say: "This team has learned that adversity is the best judge of a person's character and they are learning to make the most of every opportunity."

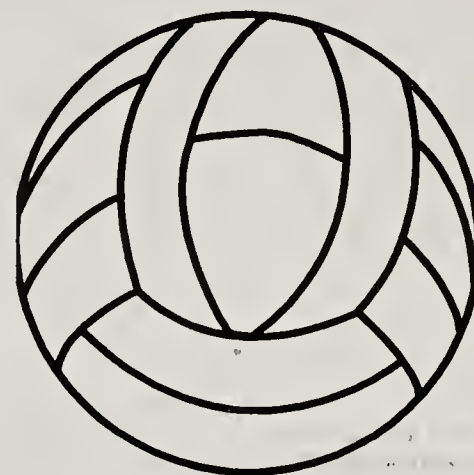
The varsity team is a unit of some very talented ladies. Several of these ladies are returning to the Pumas this season, but there are also several newcomers. These young ladies are all freshmen and include #3 Kari Puzauskas, #6 Ramey Parkey, #7 Natalie Nelson, #8 Melissa Grier, #12 Katy Kingery, #15 Kelly Moskalick, and #21 Sarah "The Hammer" Taylor. With the leadership of the upper-

classmen and the talent of four starting freshmen, this team will only get even better.

At this point in the season, the ladies have picked up wins against Marion College 3-0, Kentucky Wesleyan 3-1, Quincy University 3-1, and Rose-Hulman Technical Institute 3-0. The team has lost to Taylor University 0-3, Anderson University 1-3, Southern Indiana 1-3, St Xavier 0-3, University of Missouri St. Louis 0-3, St Francis 0-3, and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The wins have all been well-fought contests. There are also several keys to the Puma victories: the hands of the lady who handles almost

A mix of experienced upperclassmen and talented newcomers leads team to victory



every play, #10 (Junior/setter) Kami Conlon, the big swing of the young lady who has been termed "The Hammer" by the student body, #21 Sarah Taylor, and the team leader in digs

#3 Kari Puzauskas.

The varsity team will return to action Saturday, October 5th, as they travel to Huntington College for a non-conference tri-match with Concordia College.

Saint Joe suffers loss to ISU, redeems itself in last Saturday's win

by Jamie Riberto

The towel was thrown in too early for the Puma football team as they lost to the Division I-AA Indiana State Sycamores 47-14 on Saturday September 21. Although the Pumas lost, a lot of good came out of the game. Offense played really well and proved that they could move the ball against the Sycamores. The powerful Pumas played tough. They were not intimidated at all. There were many times in the game when the Pumas were even more physical than the Sycamores.

The two touchdowns of the game were scored by Bryan Outlaw who had over 100 yards receiving as well. Goldie Ashford also scored a touchdown for the Pumas. Joseph Strowder played fullback for the first time and played really well. Larry Smith also had a great game. He was throwing very well and

keeps improving as the season goes on.

The Pumas may have lost, but the team plans to build on their wins and losses and make them learning experiences. The team did just that on Saturday as they took care of business by trampling on California University, winning 37-7.

The whole football team displayed great team effort. Carl Voltaire scored two touchdowns for the Pumas, one on a pass and one on a run. Bryan Outlaw also con-

tributed with two touchdowns and so did quarterback, Larry Smith with one. Sophomore, Trevor Wilson who plays right and left guard stated that he felt the line played exceptionally well which is attributed to Coach Riva's snake drill.

The next game for our victorious Pumas is the homecoming game versus Quincy University on Saturday October fifth at 12:00p.m. on our home field. Be sure to attend the game and support our Pumas as they strive to achieve another possible victory.



Photo by Rachel Hempel

Coach Flaherty instructs Chad Novak and Aaron Butler at practice

Baseball team places second in Ohio tournament

by Erin Breetzke

With a record of five wins and one loss, the baseball tournament held in Columbus, Ohio the weekend of September 20th proved to be a success for Saint Joseph's baseball team.

Several challenges faced the Pumas during the tournament. Not only did the rain postpone several games, but the teams they played were quite challenging as well. Their one loss to the University of Missouri St. Louis (Pumas lost 7-6) proved to be the toughest game. "We played them in the world series, and they were looking for revenge," Junior first baseman Marty Dykas commented.

There was no one factor which caused the Pumas to fall behind. "It's just something that happens. It happens to the best of teams,"

Sophomore right fielder Todd Neal explained.

Before this loss, the baseball team did win five other games. One game that showed the skill of the team, was the game against McGill University from Quebec, Canada (Pumas won 16-0).

The team learned a lot about their strengths, weaknesses, and potential through the duration of the tournament. "Pitching and defense are definitely going to be our strong points," Senior catcher Jeff Norus stated. "I think hitting is going to be something we will have to work on."

Though there are several young players in key positions, this did not seem to be a problem. "We've got some young players in key spots, and they did well," Neal said.

The overall success of the tournament has the team feeling upbeat and confident, and judging from their success, this year's baseball team will be ready to put another great season on record.

Intramural softball comes to a close, makes room for football

by Jill Peterson

It is that time of year when the sounds of bats ringing and loud cheers can be heard from as far as Justin Hall. Yes, it is Intramural Softball season, an event that gets guys (and a few gals) from every area of Saint Joseph's College outside for some fun in the sun.

According to Andy Hicks, a player for the Pretenders, "I just really enjoy being outside with a group of guys to enjoy a great game and some camaraderie." It appears as if some of the men are showing off their talents they improved upon during the summer when they played on summer league teams. However, for the first time in several years, women are now involved in this intramural sport usually dominated by the males on the campus.

Playing for "The King and His Court", led by Captain and director of IM softball Destin Haas, are senior Heather Meyer, junior Jen Kenyeri, and Theresa Ping, Director of Campus Life. Kenyeri noted, "Since we are the only girls on the team, some people doubted our ability to play. At any rate, we have helped out just as much as anyone." Meyer added, "At first, a few guys were a bit skeptical, but we've held our own."

With an overall record of 4-1, The King and His Court is one game behind the Pretenders. A rainout on September 26 caused a failure for the Gators, comprised of players from Gallagher 1st and 2nd, to challenge The King and His Court. Therefore, the Pretenders, who are led by Captain Dave Menefee and made up of men from Gallagher 3rd, have a record of 5-1.

The Gators, whose roster includes Captain Cody Hooker and ex-baseball "star" Brian Phelps, is in the middle of the pack for the race to be Intramural Champions. A record of 2-3 seems to not be all that scary, according to pitcher Daniel Koleszar. "We're hopeful to win the next game and go out

with a good attitude and strong desire to win the tournament." They might have difficulty attaining that considering the team motto is: "Just how do you keep all the players happy?," said first baseman Brian Zimmer.

From the "well known baseball hall" of Noll, the Bong Hitters are very much in contention, with a final record of 3-3. Junior Jeff Proctor complimented his team: "We started off rough at first. However, the last few games we've turned it on, and we're looking good going into the tournament." The Chia Pets, with a record of 0-6, are still remaining hopeful, according to Captain Bill O'Donovan.

A finale of IM Soft-

ball only means one thing! IM Football returns to the field in less than two weeks, director Sean Shannon mentioned. Each team will play two games per week, most likely with an early game at 3:00 and a late one at 4:15. Played on the IM grounds, the field will be 90 by 50 yards, an area large enough for seven versus seven to play four eight minute quarters. Altogether, 16 people will be allowed on a roster. Rules, for the seven anticipated men's teams, will once again consist of the two hand touch to consider the ball down.

There is excitement among the athletes, especially from Men of Bennett (M.O.B.) and Noll Style. Last year, an undefeated Noll Style team claimed a victory in overtime, beating M.O.B., 20-14. Statis-

tics prove that M.O.B. has been in the championship game for the past five years.

This year will be a test to see if they can do it again, only this time their goal is to win. Gary Campbell stated, "M.O.B. has recruited many players. Despite our recruiting, there is very good competition out there, so we can't assume a win at any time."

Senior Jame Holt, a returning participant for Noll Style, expects a tough challenge from Bennett. "We can't take any team lightly. We're optimistic about the season, due to the fact that we have Jeff Norus returning as quarterback," Holt stated. However, Noll Style lost four key players: John Fitzgibbon on defense and three wide receivers on offense including Jeff Burbach, Art Carrison, and Larry Glozier.

Football is not only loved by the men at Saint Joseph's, but the women as well. Three women's teams are expected to challenge for the title. In last year's championship, the "softball team" conquered the "Halas" team. Junior Nichole Lukowski, a member of the softball team said, "We're anxious to defend our title, especially with the addition of another team from Justin 2nd West."



Photo by Rachel Hempel

A couple of last years' football teams battle it out on the intramural field outside of Halas

Cross country team has high expectations for 1996 season

By Jill Stevens

You've probably seen them running around campus, maybe even in the rain. These students aren't crazy, they are the men and women cross country runners.

The women's team is off to a great start. Their record is a strong twelve wins and two losses. Coach Bill Massoels says the women are "running very well." Although not the favorites, they have a good chance at a conference title.

ference title.

In each meet, seven runners compete for the team score. The women's team is lead by senior Laura Witek. Holly Stefaniak, Erin Chappel, Gina Medlin, Denise Fitzgerald, Sarah Grubb, and Missy Sibb also add to the team score. Other runners include Jamie Riberto, Nathalie Jones, and Carla Hannon.

The men's team is not

as strong of a force, but Massoels says they "have shown some tremendous improvement." In this sport athletes train to peak at major competitions toward the end of their season. Coach Massoels says he has "been pleased with their progress" and thinks they will finish the season high in the conference.

The top seven runners for the team at the mo-

ment are Damon Dexter, Jeremy Schmidt, Joe Derybowski, Charlie Barrett, Duane Marks, Clark Teusher, and Mark Wallace. Dan Anderson is expected to make an immediate contribution to the team as soon as he is cleared by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Other men's team members are Justin Landrum and Dan Yeager.

This season Saint Joe

does not host any cross country meets. Next year the conference meet will be held here. Also more meets will be at home next season in preparation for the conference meet.

Currently, the teams practice twice a day. As the season progresses, they will taper their workouts. This will help the athletes to perform their best in competition.

Cookie Monsters

by Mike Nichols

I went down my dorm's hallway, keeping my eyes and ears open for something to do, but, as usual, I found nothing. The harder I scoured the campus, the lonelier I got. But, in complete contrast to my ability in this area, I could always count on my roommate having plans for each evening. As I stepped into our room, I found Turk. He insisted on being called this. I had no recourse but to oblige him since he had refused to tell me his real name. He was standing in front of the mirror, preparing for the night's festivities.

"Hey, you going out to night, man?" Turk asked as he patted cologne on his neck.

"Thinking about it, I guess," I answered rather sheepishly, sinking down on the bottom bunk behind him.

"You know, there's gonna be a Hershey bar down the hall bigger than the two of us put together," Turk explained. "Some friends of mine are stopping by and we're gonna head down there in a while."

A Hershey bar. That was heavy. Thus far in my college career I had followed the administration's policies that chocolate was only to be consumed by those over twenty-one in the special bar located on campus. But my obedience did not simply come from wanting to follow the rules. Back in high school I'd seen how ill friends of mine had become after having a few Ding-Dongs too many. After a few days on campus, however, I learned how hollow these rules actually were in the shape of a phrase I overheard from Turk one day: Bitter campus, Sweet dorms. It didn't take me long to realize that I'd left the world of occasional Ding-Dong experimentation for a new life where all out sugar binges were rampant.

"Those guys down the hall are real Keeblers," Turk continued with a laugh, Keeblers being those who could hold their chocolate especially well. "They might even have some chocolate-chocolate

cake there, but you'd probably have to shell out a few bucks for that." Perhaps sensing my uneasiness with such powerful candies, Turk suddenly suggested an alternative: Devil's Dough. As he explained it, Devil's Dough was a batch of cookies with chocolate chips sprinkled in. The unequal proportion of dough to chip evidently lessened the intoxicating affects.

Several knocks at the door, signaled the arrival of Turk's friends. He started to head out, then hesitated for a moment and rummaged around in his pockets for something. After a moment he produced a small, silvery object. He tossed it into my hands before finally going out the door.

It was a Hershey's kiss. The smell it exuded and the loveliness of its packaging created an overpowering curiosity I was helpless to resist. What was it about this substance that interested everyone so greatly? I slowly unwrapped the shiny aluminum foil, feeling as if I were open-

ing a present meant only for me, and, making an awful mistake, popped the whole candy into my mouth. It was too rich, the taste too much for a chocolate-novice such as myself to take all at once. With revulsion I spat the gooey black glob into the trash. My eyes began to water from the pungent flavor as I slipped down on the bunk, alone. A horrible feeling of isolation began to grip me, to strangle me.

The next thing I knew, I was peeking my head into that dorm room down the hall that Turk had mentioned. I was greeted by the oppressive heat commonly produced when many people congregate in a small room, and an almost depressing darkness. Loud, laughing voices sprang out of the void in front of me, contrasting with the starkness all around. The black was broken by flashes of a strobe light and that, combined with the thudding bass of the music, made the room seem like a bomb shelter under constant artillery attack. Sheepishly, I inched my

way in.

Then the most amazing thing happened. Moving like a shadow in the darkness before me, I saw her. The guys in the room were calling her Sara Lee which, judging from how well she was holding her own with the Keeblers, was an apt nickname. She was intoxicatingly beautiful, with hair darker and more real than the artificial blackness in the room and eyes that said volumes with a single stare. Just seeing such a vision would have been amazing enough, but, as I stood on the brink of this other world, she smiled at me and invited me in.

That instant, looking at her perfect smile, showed me what my previously chocolate-free life had been missing. So, I decided, what do I have to lose? I may not be a Keebler, the experience with the Hershey's kiss had proven that, but maybe, if it meant not being lonely, I could learn to be a Cookie Monster.

On Campus: *The Smell and Beauty of Fall*

by Rachel Barlage

Summer is officially over. The days are getting shorter. The weather is getting colder. Yes, fall is here. I know that this means the end of long afternoons at Lake Banet, picking wildflowers in the country, and driving with the sunroof off, but fall has always been one of my favorite seasons.

If we enjoy it for what it is instead of thinking of it as a precursor to winter, the longest and coldest of all seasons, fall gives us many unique opportunities to have fun and appreciate the world around us.

The changing of the leaves is perhaps the most stunning aspect of fall. Take walks to see the brilliant or-

anges, yellows, and reds; listen to the crackle of leaves beneath your feet; inhale the smells of burning leaves and the subtle decomposition beneath your feet. Jump into a pile of leaves. Bury yourself in the leaves. Let yourself be a child again.

This is also the time of year when everyone brings their sweaters and warm jackets from home. It feels so wonderful to be able to wear forgotten sweaters and to pull on a favorite pair of jeans. Snuggle up to your favorite sweater and wear all of the clothes that have been waiting in the closet for so many months. Make hot chocolate in your microwave and drink it slowly from a mug. Curl up

on your couch and read a good book. In the fall, even Core reading is enjoyable (well, maybe not Core 3) just be-



cause it feels so good to sit inside and read.

There is no better time than a cloudy fall afternoon to take a nap. Open your window and crawl underneath

your warm covers, and you'll never want to get out of bed. Cuddling with someone you love seems even more romantic in the fall (and being cold is also a good excuse for getting awfully close to someone).

Don't forget that fall is football season. I love to hear football games on T.V. when I walk through the dorms, to listen to the playful rivalry between fans of different teams, and to watch (and play) I.M. football in the afternoon. Fall weekends with football parties and talk of strategies and standings (which often go over my head) are some of the most incredible memories I have.

Halloween, with its childhood reminders and its ability to bring out the child

that still lives within each of us, is also inseparable from the fall. Carve a pumpkin for your room. Gather around a candle and tell ghost stories with your friends. Buy the discount candy at Wal-Mart the day after Halloween.

Fall gives us so many things to enjoy and look forward to. However, be careful to appreciate it now, because before we know it, we'll wake up to ice on the inside of our windows and bitter mornings when the Core Building seems miles away. For now, every walk to class or the cafe is a chance to breathe in the smells and the beauty of fall.